

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 2 August 2007. It was the 227th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Chair
COL James E. Hyers	CSM James W. Harris
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
LTC Clarence R. Collins	1SG Jackie Ray
MAJ Jack B. Swinehart	MSG John J. McCracken (USAF)
	SFC Joseph N. Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Chair	CSM William Jolley
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	SFC Bennett J. Jergenson
LTC James R. Mellish	
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. George Steuber, DGC	Mrs. Deborah L. Seimer, DHR/AG
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Ms Diane Snodgrass, AAFES	Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary
Ms. Nancy Marquardt, PAO	

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 1132.
3. The minutes of the 5 July 2007 meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - The Council voted unanimously to recommend LTC Carolyn Bost be appointed to the Council.
5. Committee Reports.
 - a. Public Affairs - SGM MacMaster provided a calendar of events.

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b. Legislative Affairs - The House of Representatives is set to decide if Medicare/TRICARE payments may be reduced. The Senate has passed their portion of the 3.5% active duty pay raise for 2008, no word on the House's measure.

c. Health Care - LACH has signed the MOA to establish a VA clinic at Ft Rucker. The next steps are obtaining the VA's signature and a final legal review of the MOA. Appointments continue to be consolidated to alleviate scheduling problems. The Clinic's pharmacy issues an average of 25,000 prescriptions each month. On 21 September 2007, the pharmacy closes at 1100 to participate in the unit's organizational day. Labs at the Clinic will issue numbers to waiting customers at 0715 daily even though they are not seen until after 0730.

d. Volunteer Program - No report.

e. Consolidated Club System - A family dinner theater will take place 11 October and a murder mystery dinner theater will take place on 12 October.

f. Commissary - The next case lot sale is 14-15 September. Re-flooring of the meat department will take place 10-24 September and only pre-packaged meat will be sold during this time.

g. PX - Ms. Snodgrass pointed out that much of their outdoor items are on sale. The PX will offer a 10% discount 3-5 August on items the state designates "no tax" items in conjunction with the upcoming school year.

h. Golf Course - The new electric golf carts have arrived. The installation's Pro-Am tournament will be held 28-30 September.

i. Equestrian Center - The Open Horse Show is 11 August and the Fall Horse Trials will take place 22-23 August.

j. Outdoor Recreation - Outdoor swimming is currently limited to Saturday and Sunday through 30 September when pools will close for the season.

k. Bowling Alley - Recently purchased awnings will be installed soon and the bathrooms are currently being remodeled. The "Bingo Corner" at the Bowling Alley will be open on 10 September.

l. RAD - Nothing new to report.

6. Advisors Comments - Mrs. Seimer informed the Council the ID card section is accepting appointments beginning 13 August. Mr. Steuber reported the Post received \$2.9 million for installation projects and another \$1.5 million for unfunded requests. A leadership tour of the post's new housing is offered on 27 August.

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7. New Business - None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 6 September at 1130.

Approved via email

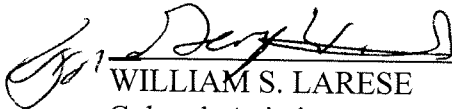
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Association Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Larese', is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM S. LARESE
Colonel, Aviation
Garrison Commander